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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 29 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1997/807 and S/1997/823)*

Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Somalia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

Fourteenth plenary session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 38th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/234) [8].

2. Report of the Security Council (A/52/2) [11].

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. 8th meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

Continuation of the consideration of the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP.1, 2 and 3, the Informal List of Measures and Proposals of 7 October 1997 as well as the "Secretariat response to comments and queries" of 21 October 1997 were made available to members during the previous informal consultations.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. informal meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

Structured discussion of specific subjects on the adopted thematic approach on disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Afternoon*-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a))

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* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Second Committee.

3 p.m. 22nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Panel discussion on "International migration, population and development" to be moderated by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

   (i) Cultural development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.10

3. Operational activities for development [99]

   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.9

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1) [120]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

2. Pattern of conferences [119] (A/52/32 and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/ 216 and Add.1, A/52/291 and A/52/340 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (A/51/494/Add.3, A/52/385 and Corr.1 and A/52/478 and Corr.1)) and 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; Third party liability; reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment (A/51/903, A/51/ 967 and Corr.1-2, and A/52/410))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations International Drug Control Programme
2. Draft letter

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

WORKING GROUP I

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Third Committee on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women *today*, 29 October 1997, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Briefing

There will be a briefing and dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Ms. Ofelia Calcetas-Santos, *today*, 29 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold an informal consultation on the Open-ended Working Group of the Commission on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women *today*, 29 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 29 October 1997

UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on UNIFEM)

10.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 97 (a) and (b))

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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* Following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the First Committee.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee *today*, 29 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The second meeting of Legal Advisers will be held *today*, 29 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *today*, 29 October 1997, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Colloquium

The third session of the Colloquium on the Codification and Progressive Development of International Law (General Assembly resolution 51/160) will be held *today*, 29 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 30 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	39th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fills vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Room to be announced

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 9th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Thursday, 30 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue the consideration of the recommendations contained at the end of paras. 162 and 169 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950) and to begin the consideration of the recommendations contained at the end of paras. 179 and 193 of the same report.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

Mr. Maurizio Iaccarino, Assistant Director-General in charge of the Science Sector, UNESCO, will give a briefing on "The World Science Conference, 1999" on Thursday, 30 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Mr. Herman B. Leonard, Baker Professor of Public Management at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, will be the keynote speaker during the Second Committee meeting on Friday, 31 October 1997 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Professor Leonard will address the Committee on the issue of "Building strategies for public policies in a globalizing environment". This is the second in a series of keynote addresses and panel discussions for the Second Committee, organized, in part, with the support of the United Nations University. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Mr. Michel Camdessus, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, will give a special briefing on "From the Asian financial crisis to the opportunity of globalization" on Friday, 31 October 1997, from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The 1997 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: 963-2320 or 5973; fax No.: 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open beginning *today,* 29 October, until Monday, 3 November 1997.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Social Summit on Thursday, 30 October 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on agenda items 39 (b) and (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards) on Thursday, 30 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Briefing

There will be a meeting of the Group of Friends and other interested countries on the activities of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans on Monday, 3 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Mr. Mario Soares, former President of Portugal, will hold a briefing.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French language Workshop on the structure and drafting of the United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York on the following dates: Wednesday, 5 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 6 November , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 20 October 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the United Nations International Police Task Force contributors on Thursday, 30 October 1997, at 3.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by Lieutenant General Manfred Eisele, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mr. Kai Eide, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will give a briefing on the present situation and developments in the mission.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 27 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 9th meeting

The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia

The Committee decided, at the request of the parties involved, to postpone consideration of the item to a later meeting.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of New Caledonia

On the basis of a decision taken at the 7th meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Ms. Donna Winslow, on behalf of the Front de libération nationale kanak socialiste (A/C.4/52/6).

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [90]

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/52/23 (Part IV), chap. 8, para. 9, by a recorded vote of 134 to none, with 4 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 90.

Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination [91]

A/52/23 (Part III), chapter V, operative paragraph 7

The representative of the United States introduced an oral amendment to delete operative paragraph 7 from the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the United Kingdom and Egypt.

By a recorded vote of 6 to 56, with 3 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment.

Subsequently, the representative of Egypt informed the Committee that his delegation intended to vote against the oral amendment to the draft resolution.

A/52/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 12

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/52/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 12, by a recorded vote of 140 to 2, with 4 abstentions.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration [18]

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in document A/52/23 (Part III), chapter VI, paragraph 11, by a recorded vote of 90 to 44, with 2 abstentions.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [92]

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/52/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, para. 14, by a recorded vote of 102 to none, with 44 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as for Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 92.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [93]

Argentina, Jamaica, the Sudan, Thailand and Trinidad and Tobago became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.6 without a vote.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 93.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement on programme budget implications relating to proposals under agenda item 18.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

A/52/23 (Part VI), chapter X, B.IX- St. Helena

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced oral amendments to the draft resolution relating to St. Helena.

The Committee adopted the amendments without a vote.

A/52/23 (Part VI), chapter X, B.I - American Samoa

The representative of the United States introduced oral amendments to the draft resolution relating to American Samoa.

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee of 24, Cuba, India and the United Kingdom.

The Committee decided, on the proposal made by the representatives of India and Papua New Guinea, to postpone action on the draft resolution to a later meeting.

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/52/L.3 without a vote.

Question of Western Sahara

The Committee adopted without a vote draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.5.

Statements in explanation of their position were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as for Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Morocco.

Question of New Caledonia

Statements were made by the representatives of France and Papua New Guinea

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/52/23 (Part VI), chap. IX, para. 31, without objection.

Decolonization Programme of the United Nations system (A/C.4/52/L.4/Rev.1)

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Papua New Guinea, on behalf of the 38 co-sponsors of the draft resolution, made a statement in the course of which the draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.4/Rev.1 was withdrawn.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 3 November 1997, the Committee would begin consideration of agenda item 85 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Prof. Alain Pellet, introduced Chapters I (Introduction), II (Summary of the work of the Commission), III (Specific questions on which comments would be of particular interest) and part of Chapter X (Other decisions and conclusions) of the Commission's report.

The representative of Austria made a statement.

Tuesday, 28 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

37th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.5) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Togo had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [29]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/456);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.9)

The President made a statement.

The representative of Spain made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Zambia, Argentina, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Italy, Egypt, Singapore, Pakistan, Norway, Andorra and Belarus.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.9 (resolution 52/7).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 29.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 99 (a).

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(d) External debt crisis and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 95 (d).

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.4

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 95 (a).

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the Occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.6

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 101.

The representative of Yemen introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

The representative of Yemen subsequently corrected the English text and informed the Committee that Algeria had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

(b) Business and development

The Committee began consideration of agenda item 96, sub-items (a) and (b), and had before it the documents listed in the *Journal*.

Introductory statements were made by the Director of the Africa Bureau of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the Director of the Division for Governance, Public Administration and Finance of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement, as did Norway), the United States, the Russian Federation, Paraguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Honduras (for the Central American States)), Tunisia, Turkey, China, Ghana, New Zealand, Côte d'Ivoire, the Sudan, Ukraine and Swaziland.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

21st meeting

The Committee continued consideration of agenda item 96, sub-items (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Romania and Malaysia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 96 (a) and (b).

THIRD COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

International drug control [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Slovakia, Honduras (on behalf of the Central American countries), Ghana, Romania, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, India, Kazakhstan, Bolivia, Latvia, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines and Colombia.

18th meeting

Advancement of women [105]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the items.

Introduction of draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.17

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Austria, China, the Netherlands and Spain had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.19

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Ireland and Peru had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.12

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Philippines orally revised the draft resolution.

Algeria, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Finland, Germany, Guinea, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Spain and Ukraine, joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

International drug control [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland, Haiti, Turkey, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Malta and Azerbaijan.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion of the items.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the work of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), Pakistan, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the Philippines, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement.

The Controller responded to a question posed.

Joint Inspection Unit [118]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Norway, Italy and Argentina.

In response to a statement by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) the Chairman announced that the general discussion of this agenda item would continue and conclude on 30 October in the morning.

Pattern of conferences [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences who introduced the report of that Committee (A/52/32 and Add.1)

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made an introductory statement.

An Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced a report of the Unit on the question of United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates (A/51/946).

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1997

890th plenary meeting

Adoption of the report on credentials [1 (c)]

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the forty-fourth session of the Board (TD/B/44/18).

Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Board [1 (d)]

With regard to the provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Board, given that the forty-fifth session will deal mainly with the High Level Mid-term Review, the President proposed that the Board authorize him in consultation with the Secretary-General, to draw-up a draft provisional agenda in the course of the year. This draft would be presented to the Bureau and then submitted to an executive session, in the first quarter of 1998, for approval.

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Income distribution and growth in a global context [3]

The Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions, as amended, in document TD/B/44/L.3.

A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

Report of Sessional Committee I

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Ambassador Daniel Bernard (France).

Under item 4 (on the LDCs) the Board adopted the recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the Third United Nations Conference on LDCs in TD/B/44/SC.1/L.2.

The Board adopted the agreed conclusions in TD/B/44/SC.1/L.4 and took note of the Chairman's summary in TD/B/44/SC.1/L.3.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee I in documents TD/B/44/SC.1/L.1 and Add.1 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-fourth session.

Report of Sessional Committee II

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. A. Aggrey-Orleans (Ghana).

Under item 5 on the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa, the Board adopted the agreed conclusions in TD/B/44/SC.2/L.2.

The Board also took note of the report of the Committee in document TD/B/44/SC.2/L.1 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-fourth session.

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters [8]

(a) *Review of the calendar of meetings*

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1997 and for 1998 in document TD/B/44/CRP.1 on the understanding that the issue will be revisited at the next monthly consultations of the President of the Board.

(b) *Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board*

The Board was informed that no financial implication had arisen from the current session.

Other business [9]

Paragraph 14 of a resolution adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on Restrictive Business Practices, which was held in Geneva from 13 to 21 November 1995, referred to a recommendation to change the title of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices to the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition, Law and Policy. In paragraph 15 of that same resolution, the Conference recommended that a Fourth United Nations Conference on RBPs be held under UNCTAD auspices in the year 2000.

These two issues became the subject of further consultations among member States in New York, and the Trade and Development Board was subsequently requested to consult on this matter. Following informal consultations which were held during the forty-fourth session, consensus was reached among member States to change the name from Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices to Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy. With regard to paragraph 15, with the exception of one delegation which reserved its position, agreement was reached on the convening of a fourth Conference in the year 2000.

The Board therefore requested the General Assembly to take note of the resolution adopted by the Third Conference, to endorse its recommendations, and to take action on para.15 as it deems appropriate.

Adoption of the report of the Board on its forty-fourth session [10]

The Rapporteur, Mr. Sek Wannamethee (Thailand) introduced the draft report to the Board. The Board adopted the report in TD/B/44/L.1 and Add. 1 to 4 and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report, as appropriate.

The Board authorized the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to prepare the report of the Board to the General Assembly.

Closing statements

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD made a closing statement. This was followed by statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Bangladesh (on behalf of the LDCs), Bulgaria (on behalf of Group D), Peru (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and India (on behalf of the Asian Group and China).

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1997

891st plenary meeting

Segment for high-level participation: Globalization, competition, competitiveness and development [2]

The Trade and Development Board met in a High-Level Segment to examine issues related to Globalization, competition, competitiveness and development. The high-level segment was presided over and opened by Mr. Jan Pronk, Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD made an introductory statement.

The Board's debate on its substantive items was presented by H.E. Mr. Anthony Hill (Jamaica) on item 3 (Interdependence), H.E. Mrs. Agnes Yahan Aggrey Orleans (Ghana) on item 5 (Africa) and H.E. Mr. Daniel Bernard (France) on item 4 (Least developed countries).

This was followed by a panel discussion on the theme "The perspective" with the participation of the following panellists: Professor Dani Rodrik, Professor of International Political Economy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Mr. François J.L. Souty, Rapporteur permanent, Conseil de la Concurrence, Paris; France; Mr. Dharam Ghai, Director General of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD); and Mr. Pedro Lizana, past Chairman of Society of Industrial Development (Chilean Federation of Industry)

H.E. Mr. Alec Erwin, Minister of Commerce and Industry of South Africa and President of UNCTAD IX, responded to the Panellists and a floor debate followed with the participation of H.E. Mr. P.P. Prabhu, Commerce Secretary of India, H.E. Mr. Kassahun Ayele, Minister of Trade and Industry of Ethiopia, H.E. Mr. Georges Wohlfart, Minister of State of Luxembourg, the Ambassador of Uruguay, the Ambassador of Canada, the Ambassador of Venezuela, the Ambassador of Haiti, the Ambassador of Indonesia, the representative of Egypt and the representative of Poland.

The afternoon session was held jointly with the Second Committee of the General Assembly through interactive video conferencing between Geneva and New York. The theme was "The future of competition: A prospective on electronic commerce". H.E. Mr. Jan Pronk made opening remarks and read a message to the High-level Segment from the President of Burkina Faso.

Presentations were then made by the following panellists: Mr. Geza Feketekuty, Director of the Center for Trade and Commercial Diplomacy, Monterey, California; H.E. Mr. Carlos Ronderos, Minister of Foreign Trade of Colombia; and Mr. Tariq Sayeed, Chairman of the G77 Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Developing Countries.

H.E. Mr. Oscar de Rojas (Venezuela), Chairman of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, made a statement and introduced the Second Committee delegations. A floor debate followed with the participation of H.E. Mr. Kassahun Ayele, Minister of Trade and Industry of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. P.P. Prabhu, Commerce Secretary of India; H.E. Mr. Auguste Richard Paraina, Ministre du Commerce et de la Consommation of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago of the United Republic of Tanzania, Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York; the Ambassador of Switzerland from the Federal Office of Economic Affairs in Bern; the representative of Luxembourg in New York; the Ambassador of Jamaica in Geneva; the representative of Poland in New York; and the representative of Peru in Geneva.

Following this debate, Mr. Rubens Ricupero, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD opened the segment on "Partners for Development". Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, read a message to the Joint Session of the High-Level Segment from the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. Mr. André Soulier, Deputy Mayor of Lyon and Member of the European Parliament announced the hosting of the Lyon Summit by the City of Lyon. A statement was then made by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, and H.E. Mr. Oscar de Rojas, Chairman of the Second Committee made a farewell statement.

Mr. Jan Pronk made a closing statement summarizing the discussions of the morning and afternoon sessions of the High-Level Segment. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD made a closing statement.

H.E. Mr. Goce Petreski, President of the Board declared the High-Level Segment and the forty-fourth session of the Board closed.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-first session
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TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 1997

1628th and 1629th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee considered the second periodic report of the Sudan (CCPR/C/75/Add.2). In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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